

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 74—HONORING THE PRIME MINISTER OF IRELAND, BERTIE AHERN, FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND AND TO THE WORLD AND WELCOMING THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. CON. RES. 74

Whereas the Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives are saddened that the Prime Minister of Ireland, Bertie Ahern, has announced that he will resign on May 6, 2008;

Whereas Prime Minister Ahern has served the people of Ireland with distinction for many years and has been an extraordinary friend to the United States throughout his years in office;

Whereas, during his extensive period of public service, Prime Minister Ahern has made significant contributions to an unprecedented era of peace, prosperity, and progress in Ireland;

Whereas Prime Minister Ahern entered politics in 1977 and has been elected 10 times in the past 31 years by the people of Dublin Central;

Whereas Prime Minister Ahern was elected leader of Fianna Fáil in 1994 and became Prime Minister in 1997;

Whereas Prime Minister Ahern is the second-longest-serving Taoiseach, or Prime Minister, in the history of Ireland, and the second-longest-serving leader of Fianna Fáil;

Whereas Prime Minister Ahern is the first Taoiseach since 1944 to be elected on 3 successive occasions;

Whereas Prime Minister Ahern has been fully committed to strengthening the economy of Ireland and, under his leadership, Ireland became more prosperous than at any time in the history of the country and became world-renowned as the "Celtic Tiger";

Whereas the people of Ireland have benefited from a significantly improved quality of life during Prime Minister Ahern's service as Taoiseach;

Whereas Prime Minister Ahern promised years ago that one of his highest priorities was to end the decades-long cycle of hatred and violence in Northern Ireland;

Whereas Prime Minister Ahern kept that promise and worked assiduously to achieve the peace that Northern Ireland enjoys today;

Whereas the former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Tony Blair, described Prime Minister Ahern as a "remarkable leader" and stated that Prime Minister Ahern "will always be remembered for his crucial role in bringing about peace in Northern Ireland, [and] for transforming relations between Britain and the Irish Republic"; and

Whereas Prime Minister Ahern will address a joint session of Congress on April 30, 2008: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That—*

(1) it is the sense of Congress that—

(A) the Prime Minister of Ireland, Bertie Ahern, has been a strong and effective leader for the people of Ireland and a good friend to the United States;

(B) the skillful leadership of Prime Minister Ahern was indispensable in finally achieving a successful resolution of the long-standing conflict in Northern Ireland; and

(C) the legacy of Prime Minister Ahern is clear and his contribution to peace is enormous;

(2) Congress thanks Prime Minister Ahern on behalf of the people of the United States, wishes him well, and hopes his unique talents will be of service in resolving conflicts elsewhere in the years ahead in our divided world; and

(3) the Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives look forward to paying fitting and fond tribute to Prime Minister Ahern when he addresses a joint session of Congress on April 30, 2008.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4494. Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. HARKIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4478 submitted by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. BROWN) to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation.

SA 4495. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. NELSON of Florida) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4425 submitted by Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. NELSON of Florida) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4496. Mr. SPECTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4497. Mr. BUNNING submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4498. Mr. BUNNING submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4395 submitted by Mr. BUNNING and intended to be proposed to the amendment SA 4387 proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4499. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4404 proposed by Ms. LANDRIEU to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4500. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4448 submitted by Ms. LANDRIEU and intended to be proposed to the amendment SA 4387 proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4501. Mr. GREGG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4419 proposed by Mr. ENSIGN to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4502. Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. KOHL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4467 submitted by Mr. ENSIGN and intended to be

proposed to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4503. Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. KOHL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4419 proposed by Mr. ENSIGN to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4504. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4419 proposed by Mr. ENSIGN to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4505. Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4506. Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4507. Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4478 submitted by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. BROWN) to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4508. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4404 proposed by Ms. LANDRIEU to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4509. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4429 submitted by Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. KYL) to the amendment SA 4419 proposed by Mr. ENSIGN to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4510. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4419 proposed by Mr. ENSIGN to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4511. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4423 proposed by Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN) to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4512. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4433 submitted by Mrs. LINCOLN (for Ms. SNOWE) to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4513. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4404 proposed by Ms. LANDRIEU to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4514. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4384 proposed by Mr. SANDERS to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4515. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4478 submitted by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. BROWN) to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr.